Wonthaggi Secondary College

COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

From the Campus Principal

AXL ABSON

Unfortunately we recently had to share with the school community some tragic news. Sadly we had to report of the death of one of our students, Axl Abson. A student in Year 11, Axl passed away following a short illness.

We are shocked at the loss of one of our students and our thoughts continue to be with his family at this time.

Axl's life was celebrated this week (Wednesday June 17) at the San Remo Recreation Centre. He was remembered fondly as a devoted family member, a loyal and supportive friend, an enthusiastic footballer, a keen musician, and a determined student with a particularly strong passion for music and drama.

He will be sadly missed.

STUDENTS AND WIDER COMMUNITY RALLY FOR THE ABSON FAMILY

The news of Axl's death did rock the student body and the way they rallied and supported each other was absolutely impressive. Amongst the first reaction of our students was the idea of supporting the Abson family at this most challenging time. It was a theme that was also pursued by the wider community and in the days following his death we had many donations made at the school by families and a range of businesses and organisations, all to be forwarded to the Abson family.

At WSC, students conducted an "out of uniform" day at both campuses which resulted in over $3700 being raised for Axl’s family. At McBride, friends and staff, led by Year 11 student Brock Niessen and once again supported by local businesses also coordinated a sausage sizzle and this resulted in a further $370 being raised. This is all in addition to other community fundraising which has also been underway.

It has been a trying experience for the College. We have juggled great sadness with a pride in the compassion and generous nature of our students, families and wider community. Rest in peace Axl.

SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

The final collation of Semester 1 reports is nearly completed and they will be posted home to families prior to the term break. Also provided with the half-year reports will be students' Personal Learning Reports which have been previously available on the College's Compass Student Management System.

Please note that it is anticipated that this will be the last occasion that we supply a ‘hard copy’ of student reports to all families. It is planned to provide future reports on-line through the Compass System (https://wonthaggisc.vic.jdlf.com.au).

The Compass portal increasingly supplies a significant amount of important information on students such as attendance data, personal learning feedback and now our formal half-year reports. As a result we once again remind families of the importance of logging on to Compass with their previously supplied username and password (assistance with these is available through the General Office at each campus). We will be able to accommodate families for whom internet access is an issue, by having them contact the office to register for a more traditional report format.

Darren Parker - McBride Campus Principal
JUNE
Wednesday 24 - Talented Students Performance 7:30pm at the Wonthaggi Arts Centre
Friday 26 - Last day for CSEF Applications
Last day of Term 2 (2:30pm finish)

JULY
Monday 13 - First day of Term 3
Tuesday 14 - Senior and Junior Girls Football at Traralgon
Wednesday 15 - Year 7 & 8 Boys Football Gippsland Finals at Traralgon
Tuesday 21 - Intermediate Boys Football Gippsland Finals at Traralgon
Thursday 23 - Year 7 Scienceworks Excursion
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Tuesday 28 - Year 7 & Intermediate Girls Soccer at Morwell
Wednesday 29 - Year 7 & Intermediate Boys Soccer at Morwell
Thursday 30 - Senior & Intermediate Netball at Traralgon
Friday 31 - Year 7 Girls & Junior Boys Netball at Traralgon & Senior Girls Table Tennis at Traralgon

Financial Assistance

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date
You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Application forms are on page 8 and 9 of this newsletter or are available from the General Office.
TALENTED STUDENTS CONCERT

WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE 2015

7.30 PM

WONTHAGGI ARTS CENTRE

$8.00 per ticket

Tickets are selling fast for this year’s Talented Students Concert. Everyone is invited to an evening of fun and entertainment. Music, dance, drama and the visual arts will be taking over the Wonthaggi Arts Centre on Wednesday 24th June. Purchase your tickets at the General Office today to avoid disappointment.

Learning Stones Project

In recent weeks our indigenous students at Dudley completed their Learning Stones project poles. Local Indigenous artist, Steve Parker came in and worked with the students, educating them and guiding them with their individual artwork. The results are stunning! The stones are in place and the students have decorated the eight poles surrounding them.

The Learning Stones project was designed to create an indigenous cultural safe space for awareness and community participation. It helps to promote and celebrate aboriginality in all its forms. It assists in educating school communities and validating Koorie people, both past and present and their journey in the school setting. This project also helps young Koorie people to embrace and become involved in the community by attending and planning events.

It is a great community asset for our school and we are proud that it is now an integral and very valued aspect of our school community at Dudley. We encourage you to come in and have a look and experience The Stones for yourself.

We extend our gracious thanks to Bunnings Wonthaggi and The Paint Place who made generous donations of paint and other materials for our project.

For further information on the Learning Stones projects please access the following website; www.learningstones.com.au

The Learning Stones project will be officially opened in the near future. We will notify you of the date when it has been decided.

Congratulations Bill Bennetti

Well done to former student Bill Bennetti who recently received a prestigious Premier’s VCE Award. Bill was a Year 12 student of WSC in 2014 and he received the award for scoring one of the best results in the state in the subject of VET Engineering. An impressive achievement Bill! Congratulations also to VET Engineering teacher Alan Harris.

SCHOOLKIDS BONUS REMINDER

The second Schoolkids bonus instalment will be paid to eligible parents over the coming school holidays. Anyone wanting to pay their accounts during the holidays can do so by direct credit to the schools bank account: BSB: 033-265 ACCOUNT NO: 194569
South Gippsland Boys Netball

We had four teams representing Wonthaggi Secondary College at the South Gippsland Boy’s Netball finals held at Leongatha on Wednesday 20th of May. Two junior teams from Years 7 & 8 and two intermediate teams from Years 9 & 10 played against teams from Korumburra.

The junior section was won by the WSC ‘A’ team; with victories over Korumburra (18 to 4) and the WSC ‘B’ team (23 to 2). The ‘A’ players were: Zac Reid, Ryan Sparkes, Jye Gilmour, Micah Condron, Cooper McInnes, Marcus Toussaint, Campbell Scott, Taj Sleeman and Cale Farrell. The ‘B’ players were: Luke Hamilton, Nic D’Angelo, Tyler Pipicelli, Luis Braid, Leigh Ibrhaim, Shay Davis and Cody Cairns.

The intermediate section was won by the WSC ‘A’ team; with victories over Korumburra (26 to 4) and the WSC ‘B’ team (23 to 7). The ‘B’ team also defeated KSC 19 to 8. The ‘A’ players were: Andre Toussaint, Caleb Kilgour, Campbell McKenzie, Jonty Bow, Flynn Anderson, Oscar Toussaint and Nick Lawson. The ‘B’ players were: Kyle Reid, Josh Bates, Jack Rosenow, Jake Roylanche, Chris McLean, Brett Jones, Luke Gheller and Brodie Anderson.

All the boys played with great skill and sportsmanship and were worthy winners on the day.

They would like to thank Taylah Turner for coming and umpiring on the day.

The next round of competition will be the Gippsland Region Finals to be held at the Traralgon Indoor Sports Complex. The Intermediate boys will play on Thursday 30th of July along with our senior and intermediate girl’s teams. The junior boys will follow on Friday 31st of July with our Year 7 girls.

We wish all players in the Gippsland Region Finals the best of luck.

Year 9 Girls Soccer

The Year 9 girls soccer team from Wonthaggi Secondary College had a very successful day at the Korumburra soccer ground on Wednesday 20th May. They played Mirboo North and then Leongatha and won both games convincingly. It was a great team effort with the more experienced and skilful players sharing the ball around in the forward line and supporting others in defence. Congratulations to all. Good luck at the next level!!!
Intermediate Boys Soccer

The Year 10 boys’ soccer team had a rewarding day out at Korumburra for the School Sports day this week. Wonthaggi were able to field two teams on the day, a Year 9 and a Year 10 team, however it was the senior team that would triumph on the day.

The Year 10 boys, ably organised by co-captains Nathan Tong and Alex Lowe, were to prevail in their qualifying match over Mirboo North SC. A brace from the speedy forward Liam Cairnduff and brilliant attacking goal from Jacob Knowles would set up a 3-1 win over the team from the Strezlecki Ranges. The Year 9 team similarly prevailed over their Leongatha SC opponents setting up a Wonthaggi Derby for the afternoon final.

In the final the senior team took a little while to settle before knuckling down to the type of form that had seen them reach the final. After a tight opening it was a touch of brilliance from Alex Lowe that was to prove the difference. A clever free kick opened the scoring in the first half and a then a well taken counter attacking opportunity in the second would see the senior team prevail 2-0. The Year 9 team tried hard however found the defence marshalled by Louis Paxton too difficult to break down. Darcy Brosnan proved a rock in goals reading opposition attacks brilliantly and combined well with Ash Rutjens to stop the Year 9 team’s most dangerous foray forward with Ash heading the ball off the line to save a certain goal. Both teams are to be commended for their efforts on the day.

The team will go on to compete at the Gippsland Titles in July and will look to incorporate some of the impressive talent from the Year 9 team to augment their ranks.

Year 7 Football Report

Round 1 of the interschool football tournament began on the 5th of May. Unfortunately, Korumburra Secondary College and Leongatha Secondary College could not field a team, which meant the Year 7 boys only had one match to play against South Gippsland (Foster). The match started evenly, with teams having to deal with conditions usually seen in the middle of July/August rather than the beginning of May. We played a great first half, leading by 5 goals to 1, with players such as Oscar Marks playing loose and getting plenty of the ball and Zac Reid booting 2 first half goals. A change brought Shaun Tessari to the forward line, who had 4 scoring shots for 3 goals and 1 behind. The second half went our way, with players like Caleb Cummins and Jarred Anderson finding plenty of the ball when Mr Bramley played them in a few new spots. The siren sounded with the score line reading WSC 11.3.69 to SGSC 1.1.7. Thanks to Dan Freeman who umpired all day in the rain and wind and did an outstanding job for his first attempt at field umpiring, and thanks to Mr Bramley for coaching.

Best Players: Ky Burns, Zac Reid, Oscar Marks, Shaun Tessari, Max Pier, Noah Anderson and Pat Hammer
Goals: Shaun Tessari 3, Ky Burns 2, Zac Reid 2, Max Pier 1, Oscar Marks 1, Caleb Cummins 1, Blake Thompson 1

AFTER SCHOOL MATHS HELP CLASSES

All students (Years 7-12) are invited to attend in Room 24 at McBride Campus Wednesday’s after school for maths help. Refreshments are provided and classes run until approximately 5pm.
Golf Report

Five WSC students travelled to the Leongatha Golf Club to compete in the first round of the interschool golf tournament. Joel Brann, Alex Geyer, Noah Anderson, James Britt and Harley Orpin competed exceptionally well on the day. Joel, Alex, James and Harley made the cut to go onto the next round, unfortunately Noah missed out by a couple of shots, however, he played an exceptional round and he achieved a PB. The boys then took on Mr Chan, who is known for his exceptional putting, in a putting challenge, however they were unsuccessful, and failed to take down the master. A huge thanks to Channy for taking the boys and making it possible for the boys to play.

Letters & Numbers

Letters & Numbers is a quiz show that is shown on SBS at 5:30 each weeknight.

During term two the Teaching & Learning team have been running a Letters & Numbers quiz through the Daily Bulletin each day. We have had 63 individual students enter with Lachlan Cox (Yr 9) & Zali Anderson (Yr 7) our star performers. Later in the year—during Literacy & Numeracy week - we will be running a Letters & Numbers tournament that all students have the opportunity to participate in.

MATH BOOT CAMP

Every Tuesday & Thursday from 8sm in the Flexi Centre

Many of our students can do with a little more help with their Numeracy skills. Starting from Thursday July 16th WSC will be running a Maths / Numeracy help session from 8am to 8:40 EVERY Tuesday and Thursday in the Flexible Learning Centre at Dudley.

Students can get help with homework, course work or can complete Numeracy modules and get assistance in skill building.
Wonthaggi Scout Group is presenting our Mystery Movie Night

Fundraiser
Date Friday 26th of June

Where: At Wonthaggi Scout Hall from 5:30pm for a BBQ Sausages @ $2.00 ea
Movie Starts at 6:15pm
Cost: $10.00 per adult, $5.00 per child
Family: $25.00 which 2 adults & 2 children
Each child gets a cup of popcorn & drink an ice cream cone
A child must be with an adult
Door prize and raffle
Tickets bookings on 0494731116

Bass Coast Youth Assist Clinic - YAC

BASS COAST
Youth Assist Clinic

Open every Tuesday
(Excluding school holidays)
12pm to 5pm
For 12 to 25 year olds
Wonthaggi Medical Group
(Biggs Drive entry, first door opposite the bus stop)

Safe & Confidential!
For all health concerns including:
- Coughs and colds
- Aches & pains
- Sexual health
- Alcohol & drug issues
- Mental & emotional wellbeing

No appointment needed
Just drop in!

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CSEF Application Form

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details
Surname
First name
Address
Town/suburb State Postcode
Contact number

Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card OR Health Care Card number (CRN)

Foster parent* OR Veterans affairs pensioner

* Foster Parents must provide a letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) or the Community Service Organisation supervising the placement confirming the care arrangement.

Student details

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (the department) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- the department will use information I have provided to the DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to the DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.

- this consent, once signed, remains valid unless I withdraw it by contacting the school or the department.

- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from the department and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.

- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.

- Some personal information may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services, for the purpose of evaluation and monitoring of concession card services.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant __________________________ Date __/__/
CSEF eligibility
Below is the criteria used to determine a student’s eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 - Eligibility
To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:
• on the first day of Term two, or;
• on the first day of Term three;
  a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder; OR
  b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
  c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.
Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income-tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria
School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date
CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term two (13 April 2015) or term three (13 July 2015).

Payment amounts
CSEF payment amount
The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.
• Primary school student rate: $125 per year.
• Secondary school student rate: $225 per year.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student’s date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

How to complete the application form
NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN
1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
   Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your Centrelink card - unless you are claiming as a Foster Parent or Veterans Affairs Pensioner. You will also need to provide your Centrelink card to the school.
   If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, tick the appropriate box. In this case, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
   The CSEF payment is paid directly to your child’s school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
   - enter SURNAME AND FIRST NAMES in full.
   - enter the DATE OF BIRTH e.g. 15/09/2008.
   - enter the YEAR LEVEL, unless the student is ungraded, e.g. attending a Special School or language Centre, then enter ‘UNGRADED’ in the YEAR LEVEL column.

3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.
Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

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